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Maritime Advisory Board

February 18, 2014

The Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) of the City of Annapolis held its regular meeting on February 18, 2014 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center conference room. **Chair** Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Present: **Chair** Lomax, Allan, Pettingil, Woodward, Fegley, Franke

Absent: **Vice Chair** Buchheister, Gosselin, Hood

Staff: Biba, Walters, Brookes

Guest: Mary Hoffman (Yacht Haven of Annapolis), Ward Anderson (Transient Boating)

II. December 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The MAB deferred the voting on the December 17, 2013 meeting minutes to its March 18, 2014 meeting. The MAB asked Ms. Hook to resend the December meeting minutes for distribution to which she agreed to do so.

III. REGULAR/OLD BUSINESS

A. Annual Report - Filed

Chair Lomax distributed a copy of the 2013 Annual Report for MAB to review and the report was submitted to Ms. Raftovich.

B. AEDC Economic Survey/Strategy Group Status – Survey/Education

The MAB deferred discussion on this agenda item to the March 18, 2014 meeting.

C. Street-End Park Update

Mr. Walters reported that the street end parks has been included in the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program budget request and is at the CIP Steering Committee level review prior to submittal to the Council on March 10, 2014.

Mr. Brookes updated the MAB on the status of the Sixth Street end park work indicating the Department will do the cleat repair work prior to season start.

D. Transition Team Update/MAB Input/Maritime Zoning Review Status

Chair Lomax provided the MAB the membership list for the Maritime Development Subcommittee Transition Team. He noted that this group has been working with the AEDC to gain support for recommendations on the economic development side of the maritime industry. The first transition meeting is March 5, 2014 and he will report at the MAB March 18, 2014 meeting.

E. RFP for Bulkhead Repairs – Scope of Requests/CIP Budget Provision

Chair Lomax noted that the City distributed the request for proposal for the bulkhead repairs. Mr. Walters noted that there three bids were received and evaluated. He explained that a recipient has been selected but will be notified pending the Mayor/Council's approval. **Chair** Lomax explained that there was correspondence from an architect that suggests pressure washing the

bulkhead and painting it instead of replacement. The MAB recommends replacing the bulkhead instead of repairing it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. February Guests: Ward Anderson (Transient Boaters) Annapolis Harbor and Mary Hoffman of Yacht Haven of Annapolis

Ms. Mary Hoffman provided background on Yacht Haven of Annapolis explaining that her late husband, Bob and Mr. Clarence Blackwell established the company in 1971 as part of the Trumpy Boatyard. Yacht Haven of Annapolis consists of office space and a 55-slip boat marina. She expressed concern regarding the growing vacancy rate for office space and boat slips in downtown Annapolis implying that both are a loss of income to the City. She noted that the cost of doing business is increasing with rising taxes and the new stormwater management fees. She indicated that Maritime businesses are moving from downtown to locations with lower overhead and incorporating new marketing strategies has not solved these concerns. She suggested the City consider zoning that will allow for medical facilities and attract more racing by hosting events that appeal to this group and more racing in Annapolis.

Transient Boating – Pump Out Enforcement

Mr. Anderson described an incident where a resident anchored off Six Street for the entire winter and it was clear that there was discharge of raw sewage from this boat into the bay. He suggested that the City consider changing the procedures to prevent this type of discharge activity by residents because currently there is no mechanism in place to avoid this activity. He noted that Key West Florida has a procedure that track people by using a dingy dock and requiring proof of pump out. He believes it a worthy goal to have people not pump out in the bay waters. The Board discussed if there was a way to educate boaters that they must pump out their boats. Mr. Anderson believes that when boaters check in they should be provided information on the pump out requirements. Mr. Woodward suggested posting a sign that detail fees or fines for discharging into the bay and the MAB was amenable to the suggestion. The MAB asked Mr. Walters to explore the costs of a sign and report back at the March meeting to which he agreed. The MAB agreed to make this a standing agenda item for further discussion. Mr. Walters commended Mr. Anderson for encouraging boaters to pump out by providing prepaid pump out slips.

B. Overboard Discharge Enforcement

The MAB deferred discussion on this agenda items to its March 18, 2014 meeting.

C. Blue Angels/Vessel Spectator Zone

Chair Lomax reported that the Blue Angels event remains scheduled for May and will solicit a vessel spectator zone one-year approval from the Coast Guard again this year. He will discuss further with Ms. Gosselin. Mr. Brookes indicated that the Coast Guard is amenable to the vessel spectator zone.

D. Chesapeake Marine Tours 2020 Lease – Ordinance O-4-14

Chair Lomax provided a copy of Ordinance O-4-14 that relates to the Chesapeake Marine Tours 2020 Lease for review and comment. Mr. Pettingil asked about how the rate was calculated and Mr. Walters provided a breakdown of the calculation costs.

Mr. Woodward moved to recommend support of Ordinance O-4-14. Mr. Fegley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 (Franke abstained)

Bert Jabin Ordinance

Chair Lomax reported that the Council approved the Bert Jabin ordinance and it will be presented to the family.

E. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Mr. Franke nominated **Chair** Lomax to continue to serve as Chair of the Maritime Advisory Board. Mr. Allan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Woodward nominated **Vice Chair** Buchheister to continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Maritime Advisory Board. Mr. Pettingil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

F. Ward 8 Designee Recommendation – Prefer resident or business in Ward 8

Chair Lomax asked the MAB about possible designees for Ward 8 indicating that Alderman Arnett would prefer it to be a resident of Ward 8. Members were encouraged to send suggestions to **Chair** Lomax.

G. Maritime Industry Economic Development Program and Fund

The MAB deferred discussion on this agenda item to its March 18, 2014 meeting.

H. March Guests – Joseph Glorioso (Assessment Options)

Chair Lomax plans to invite the Mayor and Joseph Glorioso the March meeting.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS:

A. Special Tax Districts

B. Committee Assignments

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center.

With there being no further business, Mr. Pettingil moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm
Vice Chair Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder